

**CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST**

Project Review Committee  
Tuesday, September 17, 2003  
Southern Florida Historical Museum  
101 West Flagler Street  
2:00 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

**CITT MEMBERS:**

LtCol Antonio Colmenares, Chairman  
Marc Buoniconti  
John Cosgrove  
Miles Moss  
James A. Reeder  
Theodore Wilde

**OTHER PRESENT:**

Nestor Toledo, OPTM  
Patty David, OPTM  
Alina Philipp, OPTM  
Peter Evans, Metro Aqua Cats  
Patrick O'Keith Owens, Governor's Council  
Clinton Forbes, MDT  
Joanna Santiago, OPTM  
Lori Weldon, MDET  
Jose Galan, Public Works  
Dave Barlett, Realtor  
Bob Pearsall, OPTM  
Caroline Thompson, Citizen  
George W. Maha, Citizen

## **ROLL CALL**

With a quorum being present LtCol Colmenares, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Lt Col Colmenares welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He said it is his intention to hold the PRC meetings throughout Miami Dade County to allow the citizens an opportunity to attend. In addition, he met with Ari Rivera, Director Public Works Department to discuss the Neighborhood Improvement Projects in the PTP and will be making a presentation at the next PRC meeting scheduled October 8, 2003.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

LtCol Colmenares asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Reeder, seconded by Mr. Cosgrove and carried without dissent.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 17, 2003**

Mr. Cosgrove moved to approve the minutes September 17, 2003. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **CITIZEN'S REMARKS**

Mr. Peter Evans, Metro Aqua Cats informed that members that he has presented a proposal to various county departments for a Fast Ferry Service on Biscayne Bay. He expressed his frustration that there is not a process in place for new proposals to be presented to the various county departments. He suggested that an organizational chart be provided to the public who are seeking to introduce new projects/proposals to Miami Dade County.

Mr. Buoniconti said that the CITT needs to include in the Bylaws a mechanism in which projects/proposal are introduced to the appropriate committee or committees.

Mr. Cosgrove indicated that all agenda items should go through the chairperson to assign the item to one or more committees. If there were any fiscal impacts which most of the project have it would need to be discussed at the Budget and Finance Committee. In addition the full CITT should have the ability to waive that rule by a majority vote if there was an emergency. The Trust should not to be bound by a rule or bylaw that does not allow dealing with an emergency. Once the Bylaws are established there is will a structure for items to be presented to the appropriate committee(s).

LtCol Colmenares commented that once the Bylaws are established a set of procedures will follow. New projects should come before the full CITT and at that point the Trust as a whole can determinate which committee should discuss the project/proposal. However, it is not the responsibility of the CITT to advise the public which departments need to review their project or proposals.

Mr. Dave Barlett, resident of South Miami asked the members to carefully review the Baylink Light Rail System and East/West Transit Rapid Projects that will be using surtax monies. He requested that the PRC ask OPTM to take into consideration the 1999 East/West Transit Project when they begin the re-evaluation process. He distributed a copy of the 1999 Miami Beach resolution.

Mr. Cosgrove stated that both projects are very controversial. He does not think it is a CITT issue for the moment.

LtCol Colmenares stated that the Baylink Project is part of the PTP in Exhibit 1. The language states "Baylink and describes it as Miami to South Miami Beach Corridor 5.1 miles". The CITT needs to work with what has been approved in the ordinance. He recommended to Mr. Barlett to request to be added to the full CITT agenda to make a presentation and a recommendation. It is the responsibility of the CITT to make any oversee and make any modifications to the PTP, therefore it is important for all projects to go before the full CITT to determine if it should be addressed at a committee.

Mr. Wilde added that he does agree that the CITT needs to replicate years of expert studies and community input on this issue. It should be the City of Miami Beach to address the issue.

Mr. Cosgrove noted that the "Citizen's Remarks" needs to be limited or the other agenda items that need to be addressed will not be discussed because a lack of time. He suggested that anyone who would like to be added to the agenda fill out a "request to speak" in order for staff to review the issue.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Toledo, Acting Secretariat explained that he was asked by Roosevelt Bradley, Director MDT to add an agenda item for the members to review for future action. The item is the Professional Service Agreement (PSA) Washington Infrastructure Group.

LtCol Colmenares stated that it is for informational only at this time.

#### **STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS**

LtCol Colmenares said that the Budget and Finance staffing recommendation have been distributed. All the CITT committees will be reporting its staffing needs and recommendation at the full CITT meeting and then comprise a final list to the County Manager. The PRC have been working from the list that was prepared by Nestor Toledo which included 50 duties that are being done right now.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 8, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.